

Goal: To provide information and recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that will assist the Board's efforts to:

1. Ensure that residents of Los Angeles County living with disabilities enjoy their full civil rights including equal access to all County services, resources and protections.
2. Ensure that all branches, departments and agencies of County Government effectively and efficiently meet their specifically mandated responsibilities to the County residents with disabilities.
3. Ensure that county residents with disabilities have a voice and input in to the process of shaping and administering public policies that affect their daily lives.

Methodology: The LA County Commission on Disabilities will routinely request presentations from administrators of County departments whose responsibilities and or direct services substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Presentations would include:

1. Describe the mission/ mandate of the Department
2. Describe the Department's plans and programs that address the special circumstances people with disabilities face in receiving services from the Department.
3. Describe the Department's public information / outreach efforts to ensure citizens with disabilities are aware of the services available to them through the Department
4. Describe the Department's Quality Assurance / Accountability processes that provide information regarding the effectiveness of the Department in meeting its mission / mandate as it pertains to citizens with disabilities.
5. Share any ideas, initiatives under consideration that could improve the Department's ability to serve residents with disabilities.

Reports:

After each the presentation, either the Commission or the Departments (TBD) will submit a report that will include:

1. A brief overview of the presentation
2. Salient issues discussed by the Commissioners; and
3. Any next steps (e.g., to improve access to services and programs or changes in outreach to target a specific demographic).

I . Physical Safety and Wellbeing

A. Protection from Abuse, Exploitation and Neglect

- Principle County Agency Responsible:
 - Adult: **Community and Senior Services** – Adult Protective Services
 - Minors: **Department of Children and Family Services** – Child Protective Services

B. Protection from Criminal Victimization

- Principle County Agency Responsible: **LA County Sheriff**

C. Protection/Relief from Fire/ Earthquake and other Disaster

- Principle County Agency Responsible: **LA County Fire Department**
- Secondary County Agency (Emergency Preparedness): **Department of Public Health**

II. Essential Health Needs

- A. Access to Essential Medical Care
 - Principle County Agency Responsible: **LA County Department of Health Services**
 - Secondary County Agencies: **Department of Public Social Services** (administer Medi-Cal) and **Department of Public Health**
- B. Access to Essential Mental Health Services
 - Principle County Agency: **LA County Department of Mental Health**

III. Housing and Homelessness

- A. Access to independent housing through financial support
 - Principle County Agency: **Community Development Commission**
- B. Access to board and care housing
 - Principle County Agency: **Department of Mental Health**
- C. Support to prevent homelessness and services for chronically homeless
 - Principle Agency: **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority** (a joint LA City and LA County organization)

IV. Essential Human and Social Services

- A. IHSS, social service programs (nutrition, general relief and childcare)
 - Principle Agency: **Department of Public Social Services**
- B. Access to recreational opportunities and programs
 - Principle Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation**
 - Secondary Agency: **Planning Department**

V. Education and Employment

- A. School readiness for kids 0-5
 - Principle Agency: **First 5 Los Angeles** (School Readiness Initiative)
- B. Educational programs and opportunities for k-12
 - Principle Agency: **Los Angeles County Office of Education**
- C. Employment opportunities
 - Principle Agency: **Community and Senior Services** (Workforce Investment Act programs)
 - Secondary Agency: **LA County Department of Human Resources**

VI. Civil Rights and Civic Engagement

- A. Encouraging high voting and participation in all aspects of public life
 - Principle Agency: **Commission on Disabilities**